

In the Claims

Cancel claims 1-7.

Claims 8-11 are canceled.

1 12. [New] A data access method comprising:
2 using a host site coupled with a network, receiving at least one search
3 term via the network from externally of the host site and corresponding to an
4 object accessible from the host site;
5 using a search engine implemented by the host site, formulating an
6 internal search request using the received at least one search term;
7 using the internal search request, first searching the host site;
8 responsive to the first searching and using the host site, providing first
9 information regarding the object;
10 using the host site, receiving an external search request from externally of
11 the host site and corresponding to the object;
12 using the external search request, second searching the host site; and
13 responsive to the second searching and using the host site, providing
14 second information regarding the object, wherein the first and second
15 information comprise different information regarding the object and correspond
16 to the internal search request and the external search request being formulated
17 internally and externally of the host site, respectively.

1 13. [New] The method of claim 12 further comprising:
2 using the host site, receiving a user request for the search engine
3 implemented by the host site;
4 responsive to receiving the user request, making the search engine
5 implemented by the host site accessible to the user;
6 responsive to the making, receiving the at least one search term; and
7 wherein the formulating comprises formulating responsive to the receiving
8 the at least one search term.

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1 14. [New] The method of claim 12 wherein the host site is located at a
2 node of the network, and the formulating comprises formulating using circuitry
3 of the node and the receiving comprises receiving the external search request via
4 the network from circuitry external of the node.

1 15. [New] The method of claim 12 further comprising formulating the
2 external search request using a search engine external of the host site.

1 16. [New] The method of claim 12 wherein programming configured to
2 implement the search engine is stored at the host site.

1 17. [New] The method of claim 12 wherein the formulating using the
2 search engine comprises formulating using a server of the host site.

1 18. [New] The method of claim 12 wherein the search engine
2 implemented by the host site is configured to only search the host site.

1 19. [New] The method of claim 12 wherein the first searching
2 comprises first searching at least one database of the host site located at the
3 same location of the network as circuitry configured to implement the search
4 engine.

1 20. [New] The method of claim 12 wherein the formulating the internal
2 search request comprises formulating using the search engine implemented by
3 the host site, and the external search request is formulated using circuitry
4 located external of the host site.

1 21. [New] The method of claim 12 wherein the first and second
2 information comprise different monetary costs for the object.

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1 22. [New] A data access method comprising:
2 using a host site, accessing a plurality of search requests corresponding
3 to an object accessible using the host site;
4 identifying whether the search requests corresponding to the object were
5 individually formulated using circuitry internal of the host site or circuitry
6 external of the host site;
7 selecting different data regarding the object for different ones of the
8 search requests responsive to identification of respective ones of the search
9 requests being formulated using the circuitry internal of the host site or the
10 circuitry external of the host site; and
11 outputting the selected data externally of the host site after the selecting.

1 23. [New] The method of claim 22 further comprising:
2 receiving a search term within the host site; and
3 formulating one of the search requests using the circuitry internal of the
4 host site and the search term.

1 24. [New] The method of claim 23 further comprising receiving an
2 other of the search requests within the host site and formulated using the
3 circuitry external of the host site.

1 25. [New] The method of claim 22 wherein the host site is located at a
2 node of a network, and wherein the circuitry internal of the host site comprises
3 circuitry of the node and the circuitry external of the host site comprises
4 circuitry external of the node.

1 26. [New] The method of claim 22 wherein programming of a search
2 engine executed by the circuitry internal of the host site is stored at the host
3 site.

1 27. [New] The method of claim 26 further comprising storing data
2 regarding the object using at least one database of the host site, and wherein
3 the programming is co-located with the at least one database at the host site.

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1 28. [New] The method of claim 22 wherein the circuitry internal of the
2 host site is configured to implement an internal search engine configured to only
3 search the host site and the circuitry external of the host site is configured to
4 implement an external search engine configured to search the host site and a
5 plurality of other host sites.

1 29. [New] A host site data access system comprising:
2 a communications interface configured to implement communications
3 intermediate circuitry of a node of a network corresponding to a host site and
4 the network;

5 storage circuitry of the host site configured to store information regarding
6 a plurality of objects; and

7 processing circuitry of the host site configured to access a plurality of
8 search requests corresponding to one of the objects stored using the storage
9 circuitry, to determine if the search requests were formulated using circuitry
10 internal of the node or using circuitry external of the node, to access first
11 information regarding the one of the objects responsive to respective ones of the
12 search requests being formulated using the circuitry internal of the node and to
13 access second information regarding the one of the objects responsive to
14 respective others of the search requests being formulated using the circuitry
15 external of the node, wherein the first information and the second information
16 regarding the one of the objects are different.

1 30. [New] The system of claim 29 wherein the processing circuitry is
2 configured to access a search term received by the communications interface
3 from externally of the node and to formulate one of the search requests using
4 the search term.

1 31. [New] The system of claim 29 wherein the search requests are
2 formulated by an internal search engine implemented by the circuitry internal of
3 the node and an external search engine implemented by the circuitry external of
4 the node.

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1 32. [New] The system of claim 31 wherein the internal search engine
2 is configured to only search the host site.

1 33. [New] The system of claim 32 wherein the external search engine
2 is configured to search the host site and a plurality of other host sites of a
3 plurality of additional nodes of the network.

1 34. [New] The system of claim 31 wherein the storage circuitry stores
2 programming configured to implement the internal search engine.

1 35. [New] The system of claim 29 wherein the first and second
2 information comprise different monetary costs for the one of the objects.

1 36. [New] The system of claim 29 wherein the storage circuitry
2 comprises a plurality of databases, and wherein the processing circuitry is
3 configured to search one of the databases using the search requests formulated
4 using the circuitry internal of the node and to search another of the databases
5 using the search requests formulated using the circuitry external of the node.

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